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(54) Title: AN ENZYME FOR DYING KERATINOUS FIBRES (57) Abstract The present invention relates to a dyeing composition, a method for dyeing keratinous fibres, in particular hair, fur, hide and wool, and the use of a <i>Scytalidium</i> laccase for dyeing.		

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Title: An enzyme for dying keratinous fibres

5 **FIELD OF THE INVENTION**

The present invention relates to a dyeing composition for keratinous fibres, in particular hair, fur, hide and wool, a method for dying and the use of a *Scytalidium* laccase for dyeing.

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

It has been used for many years to dye the hair to cover appearing grey hair. The need to do so arises from the fact that grey hair is the first sign of having past adolescence, which can be hard to accept for many people.

For instance, in certain parts of Asia it is widely used by both men and women to dye the hair with dyes often referred to by humorous people as "black shoe polish".

During the last few decades hair dyeing has become more and more popular in the western world. At first Punk Rockers and other society critical groups dyed their hair in extreme colours as a part of their protest against the established society, but today especially many young people also uses hair dyes (in more soft tints than the Punk Rockers) as a sort of "cosmetic" to change or freshen up their "look".

Hair dyes

In general hair dyeing compositions on the market today can be divided into three main groups:

- 30 - temporary hair dyes,
- semi-permanent hair dyes, and
- permanent oxidative hair dyes.

The temporary hair dyes are only intended to change the natural hair colour for a short period of time and usually functions by depositing dyes on the surface of the hair. Such hair dyes are easy to remove with normal shampooing.

When using semi-permanent hair dyes the colour of the dyed hair can survive for five or more shampoos. This is achieved

by using dyes having a high affinity for hair keratin and which is able to penetrate into the interior of the hair shaft.

Permanent hair dyes are very durable to sunlight, shampooing and other hair treatments and need only to be refreshed once a month as new hair grows out. With these dyeing systems the dyes are created directly in and on the hair. Small aromatic colourless dye precursors (e.g. p-phenylene-diamine and o-aminophenol) penetrate deep into the hair where said dye precursors are oxidised by an oxidising agent into coloured polymeric compounds. These coloured compounds are larger than the dye precursors and can not be washed out of the hair.

By including compounds referred to as modifiers (or couplers) in the hair dyeing composition a number of hair colour tints can be obtained. Cathecol and Resorcinol are examples of such modifiers.

Traditionally H_2O_2 is used as the oxidizing agent (colour builder), but also as a bleaching agent. Dyeing compositions comprising H_2O_2 are often referred to as "lightening dyes" due to this lightening effect of H_2O_2 .

The use of H_2O_2 in dye compositions have some disadvantages as H_2O_2 damages the hair. Further, oxidative dyeing often demands high pH (normally around pH 9-10), which also inflicts damage on the hair. Consequently, if using dye compositions comprising H_2O_2 it is not recommendable to dye the hair often.

To overcome the disadvantages of using H_2O_2 it has been suggested to use oxidation enzymes to replace H_2O_2 .

US patent no. 3,251,742 (Revlon) describes a method for dyeing human hair by dye formation *in situ* (i.e. on the hair). An oxidative enzyme is used to the colour formation reactions at a substantially neutral pH (pH 7-8.5).

Laccases, tyrosinases, polyphenolases and catacolases are mentioned as the suitable oxidation enzymes.

EP patent no. 504.005 (Perma S.A.) concerns compositions for dying hair which do not require the presence of H_2O_2 (hydrogen peroxide). The composition comprises an enzyme capable of catalyzing the formation of the polymeric dyes and also dye precursors, such as bases and couplers, in a buffer solution wherein the pH of said composition is between 6.5 and 8 and

said enzyme has an optimal activity in the pH range between 6.5 and 8.

Rhizoctonia praticola laccase and *Rhus vernicifera* laccase have a pH-optimum between 6.5 and 8 and can be used to form the polymeric dyes according to this patent.

Abstract of Papers American Chemical Society vol. 209, no. 1-2, 1995 discloses the cloning of a laccase from a *Scytalidium thermophilum*. The abstract does not mention the use of said laccase for dyeing hair.

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The object of the present invention is to provide improved permanent dyeing compositions for keratinous fibres, in particular hair, fur, hide and wool, which is less damaging to the keratinous fibres than e.g. dyeing compositions for hair using H_2O_2 .

It has now surprisingly been found that it is possible to provide such an improved dyeing composition by using an enzyme derived from a strain of the filamentous fungus genus *Scytalidium* as the oxidation enzyme.

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In the first aspect the invention relates to a permanent dyeing composition for keratinous fibres, in particular hair, fur, hide and wool, comprising an oxidation enzyme comprising

- 1) one or more oxidation enzymes derived from a strain of the genus *Scytalidium*,
- 2) one or more dye precursors, and
- optionally 3) one or more modifiers.

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In a preferred embodiment of the invention the oxidation enzyme is a laccase derived from a strain of the genus *Scytalidium*, in particular from a strain of the species *Scytalidium thermophilum*.

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Secondly, it is the object of the invention to provide a method for dyeing keratinous fibres, comprising contacting a laccase derived from a strain of the genus *Scytalidium* with the keratinous fibres and at least one dye precursor in the presence or absence of at least one modifier for a suitable period of time and under conditions sufficient to permit oxidation of the dye precursor into a coloured compound.

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Finally the invention relates to the use of an oxidation enzyme derived from a strain of the genus *Scytalidium* for oxidative dyeing of keratinous fibres, in particular hair, fur, hide and wool.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

Figure 1 shows the dyeing effect of the *Scytalidium thermophilum* laccase (rStL-FXu-1)

10 DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The object of the present invention is to provide improved permanent dyeing compositions for keratinous fibres, in particular hair, fur, hide and wool, which is less damaging to the keratinous fibres than e.g. hair dyeing compositions using H_2O_2 .

15 It has surprisingly be found that it is possible to provide such an improved dyeing composition by using an oxidation enzyme derived from a strain of the filamentous fungus genus *Scytalidium*.

When using said oxidation enzyme derived from a strain of
20 the genus *Scytalidium* the colour developed is as wash stable as oxidative dyeing of e.g. hair using H_2O_2 and the light fastness is as good as when dyeing chemically.

Consequently, in the first aspect the present invention relates to a permanent dye composition for keratinous fibres , in
25 particular hair, fur, hide and wool, comprising

- 1) one or more oxidation enzymes derived from a strain of the genus *Scytalidium*,
- 2) one or more dye precursors, and
- optionally 3) one or more modifiers.

30 In an embodiment of the invention the oxidation enzyme is a laccase derived from a strain of genus *Scytalidium*, such as a strain of *Scytalidium thermophilum* e.g. the purified laccase described in WO 95/33837 (PCT/US95/06816) from Novo Nordisk, which is hereby incorporated. SEQ ID No 1 shows a DNA sequence
35 encoding a suitable laccase derivable from a strain of the species *Scytalidium thermophilum*.

E. coli JM101 containing the expression vector pShTh15 comprising SEQ ID NO 1 has been deposited under the Budapest

Treaty with the Agricultural Research Service Patent Culture Collection, Northern Regional Research Center, 1815 University Street, Peoria, Illinois, 61604. The vector have been given the Accession Number NRRL B-21262.

- 5 Also contemplated according to the invention are laccases derived from other microorganisms being more than 80% homologous to SEQ ID NO 1 derived from a strain of the species *Scytalidium thermophilum*.

10 In addition, *Scytalidium* laccases also encompass alternative forms of laccases which may be found in *S. thermophilum* and as well as laccases which may be found in other fungi which are synonyms of fall within the definition of *S. thermophilum* as defined by Straatsma and Samson, (1993), Mycol. Res. 97, 321-328). These include *S. indonesiacum*, *Torula thermophila*, *Humicola brevis* var. *thermoidea*, *Humicola brevispora*, *H. grisea* var. *thermoidea*, *Humicola insolens*, and *Humicola lanuginosa* (also known as *Thermomyces lanuginosus*).

15 It is to be understood that the *Scytalidium* laccase may be produced homologously, or heterologously using filamentous fungus, yeast or bacteria as the host cell.

20 Examples of filamentous fungi host cells include strains of the species of *Trichoderma*, preferably a strain of *Trichoderma harzianum* or *Trichoderma reesei*, or a species of *Aspergillus*, most preferably *Aspergillus oryzae* or *Aspergillus niger*, or yeast cells, such as e.g. a strain of *Saccharomyces*, in particular *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, *Saccharomyces kluyveri* or *Saccharomyces uvarum*, a strain of *Schizosaccharomyces* sp., such as *Schizosaccharomyces pombe*, a strain of *Hansenula* sp., *Pichia* sp., *Yarrowia* sp., such as *Yarrowia lipolytica*, or *Kluyveromyces* sp., such as *Kluyveromyces lactis*, or a bacteria, such as gram-positive bacteria such as strains of *Bacillus*, such as strains of *B. subtilis*, *B. licheniformis*, *B. lentus*, *B. brevis*, *B. stearothermophilus*, *B. alkalophilus*, *B. amyloliquefaciens*, *B. coagulans*, *B. circulans*, *B. lautus*, *B. megaterium* or *B. thuringiensis*, or strains of *Streptomyces*, such as *S. lividans* or *S. murinus*, or gram-negative bacteria such as *Escherichia coli*.

Laccases (benzenediol:oxygen oxidoreductases) (E.C. class

1.10.3.2 according to Enzyme Nomenclature (1992) Academic Press, Inc) are multi-copper containing enzymes that catalyze the oxidation of phenols. Laccase-mediated oxidations result in the production of aryloxy-radical intermediates from suitable phenolic substrates; the ultimate coupling of the intermediates so produced provides a combination of dimeric, oligomeric, and polymeric reaction products. Certain reaction products can be used to form dyes suitable for dyeing hair (see below).

In an embodiment of the invention the *Scytalidium* laccase is neutral. In the context of laccases of the present invention this means that the pH optimum lies in the range from between 6.0 and 8.0.

To obtain dyeing of the keratinous fibres, such as hair, the dyeing composition of the invention also comprises a dye precursor which is converted into a coloured compound (i.e. a dye) by the oxidation agent which according to the invention is an oxidation enzyme derived from a strain of the species *Scytalidium*, such as a strain of *Scytalidium thermophilum*.

Without being limited thereto the dye precursor(s) may be (an) aromatic compound(s) belonging to one of three major chemical families: the diamines, aminophenols (or aminonaphtols) and the phenols. Examples of isatin derivative dye precursors can be found in DE 4,314,317-A1. Further, a number of indole or indoline derivative dye precursors are disclosed in WO 94/00100. Said dye precursors mentioned in these documents are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Examples of such suitable dye precursors include compounds from the group comprising p-phenylene-diamine (pPD), p-tolylene-diamine, chloro-p-phenylenediamine, p-aminophenol, o-aminophenol and 3,4-diaminotoluene, 2-methyl-1,4-diaminobenzene, 4-methyl-o-phenylenediamine, 2-methoxy-p-phenylenediamine, 2-chloro-1,4-diamino-benzene, 4-amino diphenylamine, 1-amino-4- β -methoxyethylamino-benzene, 1-amino-4-bis-(β -hydroxyethyl)-aminobenzene, 1-3-diamino-benzene, 2-methyl-1,3-diamino-benzene, 2,4-diaminotoluene, 2,6-diaminopyridine, 1-hydroxy-2-amino-benzene, 1-hydroxy-3-amino-benzene, 1-methyl-2-hydroxy-4-amino-benzene, 1-methyl-2-hydroxy-4- β -hydroxyethylamino-benzene, 1-

hydroxy-4-amino-ebnzene, 1-hydroxy-4-methylamino-benzene, 1-methoxy-2,4-diamino-benzene, 1-ethoxy-2,3-diamino-benzene, 1- β -hydroxyethyloxy-2,4-diamino-benzene, phenazines, such as 4,7-phenazinedicarboxylic acid, 2,7-phenazinedicarboxylic acid, 2-phenazinecarboxylic acid, 2,7-diaminophenazine, 2,8-diaminophenazine, 2,7-diamino-3,8-dimethoxyphenazine, 2,7-diamino-3-methoxyphenazine, 3-dimethyl 2,8-phenazinediamine, 2,2'-[(8-amino-7-methyl-2-phenazinyl)imino]bis-ethanol, 2,2'-[(8-amino-7-methoxy-2-phenazinyl)imino]bis-ethanol, 2,2'-[(8-amino-7-chloro-2-phenazinyl)imino]bis-ethanol, 2-[(8-amino-7-methyl-2-phenazinyl)amino]-ethanol, 2,2'-[(8-amino-2-phenazinyl)imino]bis-ethanol, 3-amino-7-(dimethylamino)-2,8-dimethyl-5-phenyl-chloride, 9-(diethylamino)-benzo[a]phenazine-1,5-diol, N-[8-(diethylamino)-2-phenazinyl]-methanesulfonamide, N-(8-methoxy-2-phenazinyl)-Methanesulfonamide, N,N,N',N'-tetramethyl-2,7-phenazinediamine, 3,7-dimethyl-2-phenazinamine, p-amino benzoic acids, such as p-amino benzoic acid ethyl, p-amino benzoic acid glycerid, p-amino benzoic acid isobutyl, p-dimethylamino benzoic acid amil, p-dimethylamino benzoic acid octyl, p-diethoxy amino benzoic amil, p-dipropoxy amino benzoic acid ethyl, acetylsalicylic acid, isatin derivatives, such as 2,3-diamino benzoic acid.

In an embodiment the laccase is used with the dye precursor directly to oxidise it into a coloured compound. The dye precursor may be used alone or in combination with other dye precursors.

However, it is believed that when using a diamine or an aminophenol as the dye precursor at least one of the intermediate in the copolymerisation must be an ortho- or para-diamine or aminophenol. Examples of such are described in US patent no. 3,251,742 (Revlon), the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Optionally the dyeing composition of the invention (especially hair dyeing compositions) also comprises a modifier (coupler) by which a number of colour tints can be obtained. In general modifiers are used in hair dyeing compositions, as the colours resulting from hair dyeing compositions without modifier(s) are usually unacceptable for most people.

Modifiers are typically m-diamines, m-aminophenols, or polyphenols. The modifier (coupler) reacts with the dye precursor(s) in the presence of the oxidative enzyme, converting it into a coloured compound.

5 Examples of modifiers (couplers) include m-phenylenediamine, 2,4-diaminoanisole, 1-hydroxynaphthalene(α -naphthol), 1,4-dihydroxybenzene(hydroquinone), 1,5-dihydroxynaphthalene, 1,2-dihydroxybenzene(pyrocatechol), 1,3-dihydroxybenzene (resorcinol), 1,3-dihydroxy-2-methylbenzene, 1,3-dihydroxy-4-
10 chlorobenzene(4-chlororesorcinol), 1,2,3, trihydroxybenzene, 1,2,4-trihydroxybenzene, 1,2,4-trihydroxy-5-methylbenzene, 1,2,4-trihydroxytoluene.

In the second aspect the invention relates to a method for dyeing keratinous fibres, in particular hair, fur, hide and
15 wool, comprising contacting a laccase derived from a strain of the genus *Scytalidium* with the keratinous fibres and at least one dye precursor in the presence or absence of at least one modifier, for a period of time and under conditions sufficient to permit oxidation of the dye precursor into coloured
20 compounds (i.e. a dye).

The dyeing method can be conducted with one or more dye precursors, either alone or in combination with one or more modifiers.

The amount of dye precursor(s) and other ingredients used in
25 the composition of the invention are in accordance with usual commercial amounts.

When using a *Scytalidium* laccase, such as the *Scytalidium thermophilum* laccase mentioned above, the method for dyeing keratinous fibres of the invention may be carried out at room
30 temperature, preferably around the optimum temperature of the enzyme, at a pH in the range from 3.0 to 9.0, preferably 4.0 to 8.0, especially pH 6.0 to 8.0.

Suitable dye precursors and optional modifiers are described above.

35 The use of this *Scytalidium* laccase is an improvement over the more traditional use of H_2O_2 as the latter can damage the keratinous fibres, such as hair. Further, normally prior art methods requires a high pH, which is also damaging to the

keratinous fibres. In contrast hereto, the reaction with laccase can be conducted at acidic or neutral pH, and the oxygen needed for oxidation comes from the air, rather than via harsh chemical oxidation.

- 5 The result provided by the use of the *Scytalidium* laccase is comparable to that achieved with use of H_2O_2 , not only in colour development, but also in wash stability and light fastness. An additional commercial advantage is that a single container package can be made containing both the laccase and the precursor, in an oxygen free atmosphere, which arrangement is not possible with the use of H_2O_2 .

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Materials:

15 Hair:

6" De Meo Virgin Natural White Hair (De Meo Brothers Inc. US)

Enzymes:

- Laccase from *Scytalidium thermophilum* described in
20 WO 95/33837 (PCT/US95/06816) from Novo Nordisk

Deposit of Biological Material

- The following biological material has been deposited on the 25th May 1994 under the terms of the Budapest Treaty with the
25 Agricultural Research Service Patent Culture Collection, Northern Regional Research Center, 1815 University Street, Peoria, Illinois, 61604 and given the following accession number.

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Dye precursors:

- 0.1 % w/w p-phenylene-diamine in 0.1 M K-phosphate buffer, pH
35 7.0. (pPD)
0.1 % w/w p-toluylene-diamine in 0.1 M K-phosphate buffer, pH 7.0.
0.1 % w/w chloro-p-phenylenediamine in 0.1 M K-phosphate

buffer, pH 7.0.

0.1 % w/w p-aminophenol in 0.1 M K-phosphate buffer, pH 7.0.

0.1 % w/w o-aminophenol in 0.1 M K-phosphate buffer, pH 7.0.

5 0.1 % w/w 3,4-diaminotoluene in 0.1 M K-phosphate, buffer pH 7.0.

Modifiers:

0.1 % w/w m-phenylene-diamine in 0.1 M K-phosphate buffer, pH 7.0.

10 0.1 % w/w 2,4-diaminoanisole in 0.1 M K-phosphate buffer, pH 7.0.

0.1 % w/w α -naphthol in 0.1 M K-phosphate buffer, pH 7.0.

0.1 % w/w hydroquinone in 0.1 M K-phosphate buffer, pH 7.0.

0.1 % w/w pyrocatechol in 0.1 M K-phosphate buffer, pH 7.0.

15 0.1% w/w resorcinol in 0.1 M K-phosphate buffer, pH 7.0.

0.1 % w/w 4-chlororesorcinol in 0.1 M K-phosphate buffer, pH 7.0.

The dye precursor is combined with one of the above indicated modifiers so that the final concentration in the dyeing solution is 0.1 % w/w with respect to precursor and 0.1 % w/w with respect to modifier.

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Other solutions:

3% H_2O_2 (in the final dye solution)

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Commercial shampoo

Equipment:

Minolta CR200 Chroma Meter

30 Day light bulb: 1000 LUX (D65)

Determination of Laccase Activity (LACU)

Laccase activity is determined from the oxidation of syringaldazin under aerobic conditions. The violet colour produced is photometered at 530 nm. The analytical conditions are 19 mM syringaldazin, 23.2 mM acetate buffer, pH 5.5, 30°C, 1 min. reaction time.

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1 laccase unit (LACU) is the amount of enzyme that catalyses

the conversion of 1.0 micromole syringaldazin per minute at these conditions.

Assessment of the hair colour

- 5 The quantitative colour of the hair tresses are determined on a Minolta CR200 Chroma Meter by the use the parameters L^* ("0"=black and "100"=white), a^* ("-"=green and "+"=red) and b^* ("-" blue and "+" yellow).
- 10 DL^* , Da^* and Db^* are the delta values of L^* , a^* and b^* respectively compared to L^* , a^* and b^* of untreated hair (e.g. $DL^* = L^*_{\text{sample}} - L^*_{\text{untreated hair}}$).

- DE^* is calculated as $DE^* = \sqrt{DL^{*2} + Da^{*2} + Db^{*2}}$ and is an expression
15 for the total quantitative colour change.

EXAMPLES

Example 1

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Dyeing effect

The dyeing effect of a *Scytalidium thermophilum* laccase was tested using the dye precursor o-aminophenol and the modifier m-phenylenediamine.

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Hair dyeing

1 gram De Meo white hair tresses were used.

- 4 ml dye precursor solution (including modifier) is mixed with 1 ml laccase on a Whirley mixer, applied to the hair
30 tresses and incubated at 30°C for 60 minutes.

The hair tresses are then rinsed with running water, washed with shampoo, rinsed with running water, combed, and air dried.

The a^* , b^* and L^* was determined on the Chroma Meter and the DE^* values were then calculated.

- 35 A hair tress sample treated without enzyme was used as a blind.

The result of the hair dyeing test is shown in figure 1.

Example 2Wash stability

Tresses of white De Meo hair (1 gram) is used for testing the wash stability of hair dyed using *Scytalidium thermophilum* laccase, compared with hair dyed using H_2O_2 , and p-phenylene-diamine (PPD) as the dye precursor. Further the wash stability is compared with a commercial oxidative dye.

The oxidative hair dyeing is carried out as described in Example 1.

Hair wash

The dyed hair tresses are wetted and washed for 15 seconds with 50 ml of commercial shampoo, and rinsed with water for 1 minute and air dried. The hair tresses are washed up to 18 times.

The a^* , b^* and L^* is determined on the Chroma Meter and the ΔE^* values are then calculated.

Example 3

The light fastness

Tresses of blond European hair are used for testing the light fastness of hair dyed using *Scytalidium thermophilum* laccase in comparison to hair dyed using H_2O_2 . p-phenylene-diamine was used as dye precursor.

The dyeing of the hair was carried out as described in Example 1.

One hair tress is kept dark, while an other is kept at day light (i.e. under a day light bulb (D65)), at approximately 1000 LUX) for up to 275 hours.

The a^* , b^* and L^* parameters are determined immediately after the dyeing of the hair, and further during exposure to day light.

DE^* then calculated from the determined a^* , b^* and L^* values.

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(ii) TITLE OF INVENTION: An enzyme for dying hair

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 (A) MEDIUM TYPE: Floppy disk
 (B) COMPUTER: IBM PC compatible
 20 (C) OPERATING SYSTEM: PC-DOS/MS-DOS
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 1:

25 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 2476 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: double
 30 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:
 (A) ORGANISM: Scytalidium thermophilum

35 (ix) FEATURE:
 (A) NAME/KEY: intron
 (B) LOCATION: 349..411

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 2:

40 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 616 amino acids
(B) TYPE: amino acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

45 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:
(A) ORGANISM: *Scytalidium thermophilum*

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PATENT CLAIMS

1. A dyeing composition comprising an oxidation enzyme characterised in that the composition comprises:

- 5 1) one or more oxidation enzymes derived from a strain of the genus *Scytalidium*,
2) one or more dye precursors, and
optionally 3) one or more modifiers.

2. The dyeing composition according to claim 1, wherein the
10 oxidation enzyme is derived from a strain of the genus *Scytalidium* laccase

3. The dyeing composition according to claim 2, wherein the laccase is derived from a strain of the species *Scytalidium thermophilum*.

15 4. The dyeing composition according to claims 2 and 3, wherein the laccase is neutral.

5. The dyeing composition according to claim 3, having the sequence shown in SEQ ID No 1.

20 6. The dyeing composition according to claim 5, wherein the sequence encoding the laccase is homologous to the SEQ ID NO 1.

7. The dyeing composition according to claim 6, wherein the sequence encoding the laccase is more than 80% homologous to SEQ ID NO 1.

8. The dyeing composition according to any of claims 1 to 7,
25 comprising a dye precursor selected from the group comprising p-phenylene-diamine (pPD), p-toluylene-diamine, chloro-p-phenylenediamine, p-aminophenol, o-aminophenol and 3,4-diaminotoluene, 2-methyl-1,4-diaminobenzene, 4-methyl-o-phenylenediamine, 2-methoxy-p-phenylenediamine, 2-chloro-1,4-diamino-benzene,
30 4-amino diphenylamine, 1-amino-4- β -methoxyethylamino-benzene, 1-amino-4-bis-(β -hydroxyethyl)-amonibenzene, 1-3-diamino-benzene, 2-methyl-1,3-diamino-benzene, 2,4-diaminotoluene, 2,6-diaminopyridine, 1-hydroxy-2-amino-benzene, 1-hydroxy-3-amino-benzene, 1-methyl-2-hydroxy-4-amino-benzene, 1-methyl-2-hydroxy-4- β -hydroxyethylamino-benzene, 1-hydroxy-4-amino-benzene, 1-hydroxy-4-methylamino-benzene, 1-methoxy-2,4-diamino-benzene, 1-ethoxy-2,3-diamino-benzene, 1- β -hydroxyethyloxy-2,4-diamino-

benzene, phenazines, such as 4,7-phenazinedicarboxylic acid, 2,7-phenazinedicarboxylic acid, 2-phenazinecarboxylic acid, 2,7-diaminophenazine, 2,8-diaminophenazine, 2,7-diamino-3,8-dimethoxyphenazine, 2,7-diamino-3-methoxyphenazine, 2,7-diamino-3-methoxyphenazine, 3-dimethyl 2,8-phenazinediamine, 2,2'-[(8-amino-7-methyl-2-phenazinyl)imino]bis-ethanol, 2,2'-[(8-amino-7-methoxy-2-phenazinyl)imino]bis-ethanol, 2,2'-[(8-amino-7-chloro-2-phenazinyl)imino]bis-ethanol, 2-[(8-amino-7-methyl-2-phenazinyl)amino]-ethanol, 2,2'-[(8-amino-2-phenazinyl)imino]bis-ethanol, 3-amino-7-(dimethylamino)-2,8-dimethyl-5-phenyl-chloride, 9-(diethylamino)-benzo[a]phenazine-1,5-diol, N-[8-(diethylamino)-2-phenazinyl]-methanesulfonamide, N-(8-methoxy-2-phenazinyl)-Methanesulfonamide, N,N,N',N'-tetramethyl-2,7-phenazinediamine, 3,7-dimethyl-2-phenazinamine, p-amino benzoic acids, such as p-amino benzoic acid ethyl, p-amino benzoic acid glycerid, p-amino benzoic acid isobutyl, p-dimethylamino benzoic acid amil, p-dimethylamino benzoic acid octyl, p-diethoxy amino benzoic acid amil, p-dipropoxy amino benzoic acid ethyl, acetylsalicylic acid, isatin derivatives, such as 2,3-diamino benzoic acid.

9. The dyeing composition according to claims 8, comprising a dye modifier selected from the group comprising m-phenylenediamine, 2,4-diaminoanisole, 1-hydroxynaphthalene (α -naphthol), 1,4-dihydroxybenzene (hydroquinone), 1,5-dihydroxynaphthalene, 1,2-dihydroxybenzene (pyrocatechol), 1,3-dihydroxybenzene (resorcinol), 1,3-dihydroxy-2-methylbenzene, 1,3-dihydroxy-4-chlorobenzene (4-chlororesorcinol), 1,2,3-trihydroxybenzene, 1,2,4-trihydroxybenzene, 1,2,4-trihydroxy-5-methylbenzene, 1,2,4-trihydroxytoluene.

10. A method for dyeing comprising contacting a laccase derived from a strain of the genus *Scytalidium* with the keratinous fibres and at least one dye precursor in the presence or absence of at least one modifier for a period of time and under conditions sufficient to permit oxidation of the dye precursor into a coloured compound.

11. The method according to claim 10, wherein the dyeing is carried out at a pH in the range from 3.0 to 9.0, preferably 4.0 to 8.0, especially 6.0 to 8.0.

12. Use of an oxidation enzyme derived from a strain of the genus *Scytalidium* for oxidative dyeing keratinous fibres, in particular hair, fur, hide and wool.

13. The use according to claim 14, wherein the oxidation
5 enzyme is derived from a strain of the species *Scytalidium thermophilum*.

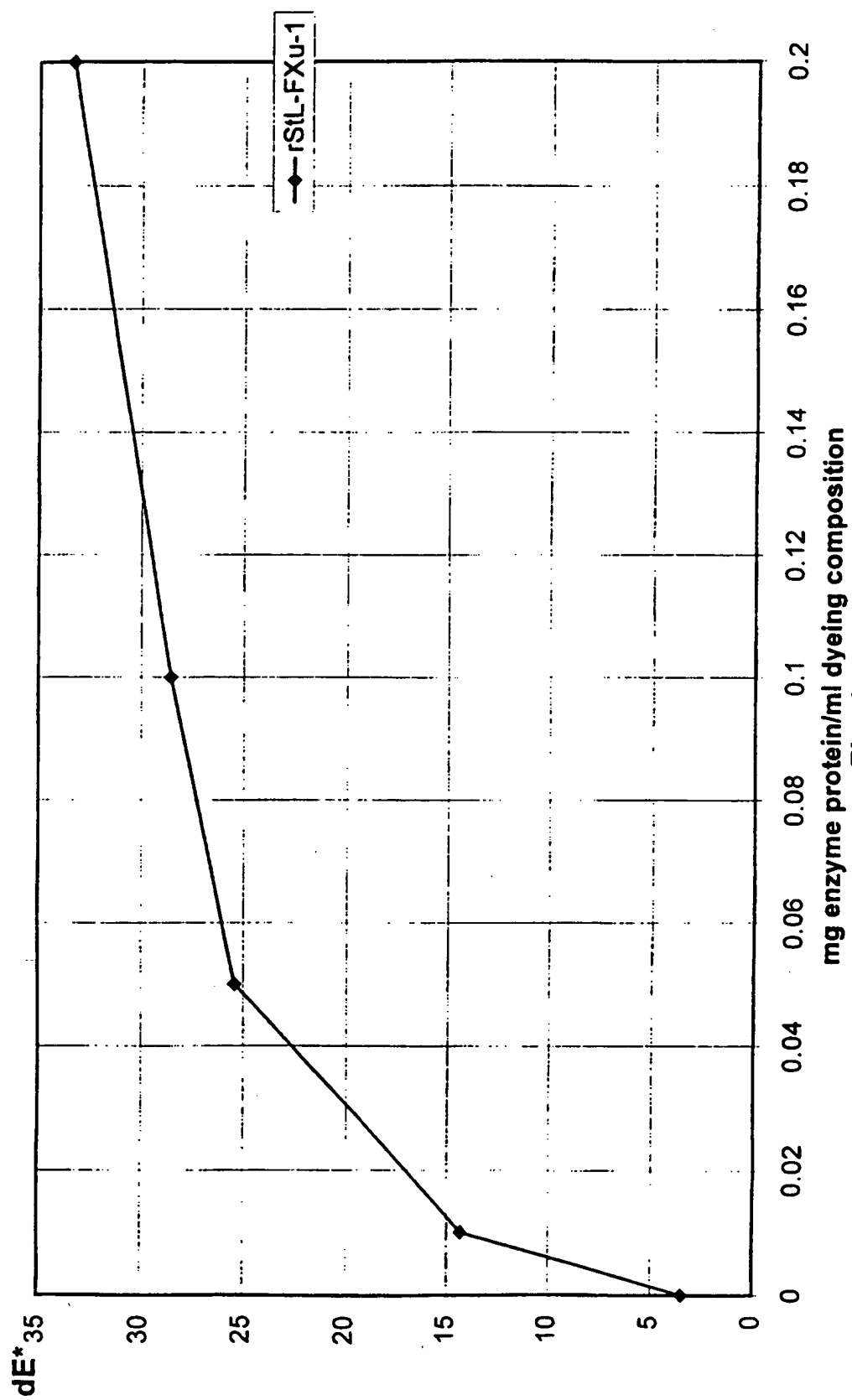


Fig. 1

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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